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In re application of:

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 8, 1999 for 3 months, from March 8, 2000 to June 8, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

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91 FC:217 45-07 lifts petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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